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CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: OVIP 9KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PLEASE DELIVER TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD OF IAN SMITH'S  
STATEMENT IN SALISBURY AND WANT TO TELL YOU HOW PLEASED  
I AM THAT THE DECADE OLD DREAM OF ZIMBABWEAN INDEPENDENCE  
IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REALIZED AND THAT AN ISSUE  
SO IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICA IS FINALLY  
ON THE ROAD TO SOLUTION. I AM SATISFIED THAT THE CON-  
DITIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN LAID AND THE DOOR  
IS OPEN FOR STATESMEN LIKE YOURSELF TO BRING THE PROCESS  
TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THERE IS NOW AN OPPORTUNITY  
FOR AFICANS TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT IN PEACE AND  
WITHOUT FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION.

3. I AM ESPECIALLY GLAD THAT THE IDEAS YOU ADVANCED  
FOR A SETTLEMENT AND THE ADVICE YOU GAVE MY SECRETARY  
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OF STATE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE RHODESIAN

AUTHORITIES ACCEPTED. THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO HAVE PLAYED A PART IN BRING MATTERS THIS FAR. I UNDER-

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STAND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTACT YOU SHORTLY TO DEVELOP WAYS TO BEGIN THE NEXT STAGE -- DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN RHODESIANS WITH A VIEW TO ORGANIZING AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOR RHODESIA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT TO WHATEVER COURSE OF ACTION YOU BELIEVE IT IS ADVISABLE FOR US TO TAKE.

4. I HOPE THAT ADVANTAGE WILL BE TAKEN OF THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY BY ALL THE PARTIES, AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE PURSUED IN THE SPIRIT OF MAGNANIMITY. I AM SENDING SIMILAR MESSAGES TO THE OTHER FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS. YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES IN THE DECISIVE WEEKS WHICH LIE AHEAD. SINCE RELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

KISSINGER

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